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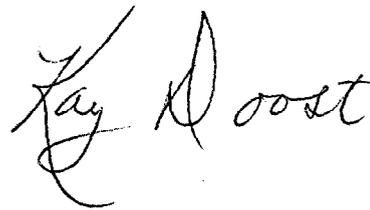
Dear Dr. Henney:

The overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases. Many of the drugs used to enhance growth of chickens, pigs and cattle are the same as, or closely related to, those used to treat people.

Fearing a rise in untreatable infectious diseases, the European Union has banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics used in human medicine. In addition, the initiatives taken by food producers demonstrate that there are many ways of achieving good production levels that do not rely on antibiotics. Here in the United States, however, no action has been taken; merely meetings have been begun to discuss possible restrictions on new approvals of antibiotics.

I urge the FDA to follow the EU's lead and move immediately to ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Doost". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

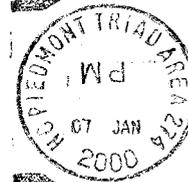
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